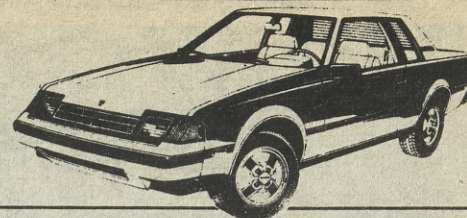


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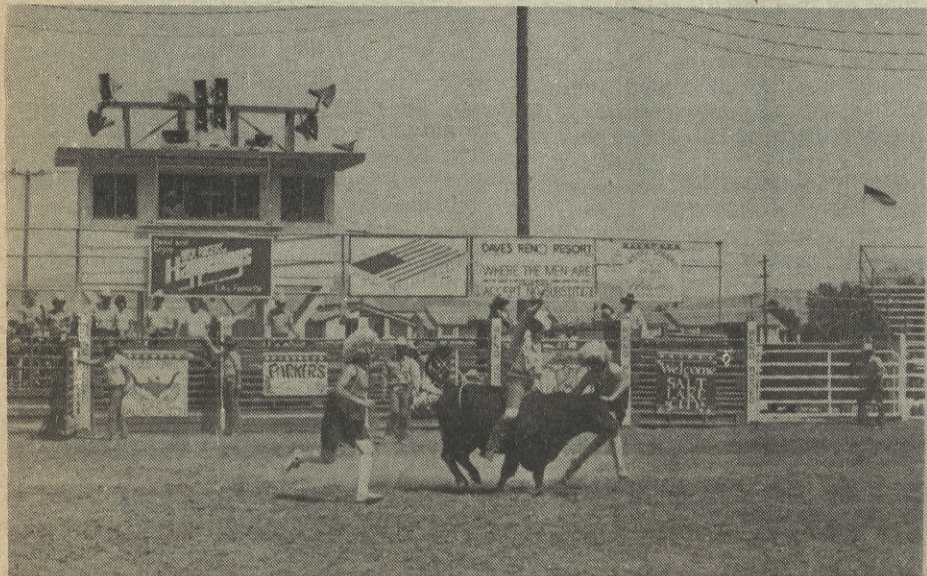
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Rodeo Attracts 45,000

The National Reno Gay Rodeo attracted over 45,000 people during its four-day run August 4-7, slightly over 10,000 each day, organizer Phil Ragsdale said August 8. He blamed protests from a local Christian group and the unusually hot weekend for the attendance, lower than the predicted 55,000. Spokesmen for downtown Reno hotels and casinos said their business was good over the weekend, but they were unsure whether to attribute that to the rodeo. Look for complete photo coverage of the rodeo in the August 24 issue of The Star.

The Star Endorses:

Anne Rudin For Mayor

For the 12 years that Anne Rudin has served on the Sacramento City Council, she has been a voice of reason and a friend of the lesbian and gay community.

When former State Senator John Briggs proposed that gay people should be excluded from the field of education, Rudin spoke against the initiative (the infamous Proposition 6) and let her name be used in the statewide campaign against the homophobic measure.

Rudin also proposed a gay rights ordinance for the City of Sacramento. After she asked the city attorney to draft the measure, fundamentalist Christians approached Rudin. They told her that if she proceeded with the ordinance and the council approved it, they not only would seek a referendum on the statute, but also would start a recall campaign against her. Rudin told them to do as they pleased, as their threats would not alter her belief in basic human rights for all people.

However, leaders of the gay community asked her to withdraw the proposal after a similar measure in Davis went down to defeat. The timing was not right, they told her.

In 1981, Anne Rudin appeared at a press conference to support AB1, the Agnos gay and lesbian employment rights bill. She has endorsed the bill again this year.

She has supported gay men and lesbians for appointment to city boards and commissions, and nominated an openly gay man to fill the vacancy on the City Council left by Lloyd Connelly's election to the State Assembly.

Anne Rudin has been active in many areas outside specifically gay concerns as well. She served on the board of the Sacramento Rape Crisis Center and the Mothers' Emergency Stress Service, and was a founding member of Meals a la Car, a service for senior citizens. A long-time member of the National Organization for Women, she is a strong supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Rudin supports planned growth and balanced community development, opposing leapfrog development such as the sports stadium complex proposed for the Natomas area. She is currently chair of the Sacramento Transit Development Agency, which is responsible for developing a countywide light rail system, and has acted as a liaison with law enforcement to promote crime prevention through the Neighborhood Watch Program.

At a time when political campaigns, even at the local level, are becoming almost obscenely expensive, with big business, developers, and other special interests contributing heavily to candidates favorable to their interests, Anne Rudin has introduced and advocates campaign finance reform.

Because of her impressive credentials and long and distinguished service, The Sacramento Star is pleased to endorse Anne Rudin for Mayor of Sacramento in the September 27 citywide election. *

Studds Calls Coming Out A Wonderful Experience

Democratic Rep. Gerry E. Studds of Massachusetts told interviewers July 28 his public declaration that he is homosexual has allowed him to "look people in the eye," and helped him grow from a "fearful, lonely, closeted gay" to a more complete person. The Associated Press said.

"To me, personally, that affirmation was the single most important statement of my life, and it had enormous consequences to me and to a great many other people," Studds said in his first interviews since the House of Representatives censured him for having sex with a male page 10 years ago.

"I, like most fearful, lonely, closeted gay people have been functioning on a very small number of the available cylinders as a human being for almost all of my life," he said. "For the first time in my life, I am a more complete person."

Studds, who is 46, said gay people entering adulthood in this country receive messages that their deepest feelings "are not legitimate at best and that they're sinful and evil at worst."

"It means, among other things, that in terms of the elemental human need in every sense of the word to reach out, one has only two choices," he said. "Either one does not reach out at all to anyone ever, or one reaches out in an inappropriate way to an inappropriate person because there is no appropriate person and no appropriate way."

Despite the difficulty of the choices, Studds called his decision to have an affair with a 17-year-old page in 1973 "incredibly stupid" and "irresponsible." He told The Boston Globe, "I wish I could take the moment back."

The censure voted by his colleagues also automatically stripped him of his committee chairmanships. Studds said he has not decided whether to seek a seventh term.

He said, however, he intends to finish his current term, with no change in his legislative priorities.

Studds said he did not intend to appear defiant or arrogant in challenging the House Ethics Committee recommendation that he be reprimanded. But at the same time, he said, he did not want to appear to be apologizing for being gay when he addressed the House.

The congressman said that when the relationship with the page occurred, he was 36 and had not knowingly ever met another gay person.

"Try to imagine yourself, a heterosexual adult, who has grown to adulthood—say you're a male—without ever, ever, ever once having met a heterosexual female," he said. "Hard though it may be for someone to try to picture that, that is precisely the situation in which a gay person, much more often than not, and certainly 10 years ago, finds himself." *

La Semilla Sets August Events

La Semilla Cultural Center has scheduled a variety of entertaining and informative events for August, including a folk-music concert, a Sunday brunch with poetry and classical music, a talk on "Organizing to Protect our Drinking Water," and a program on issues facing senior citizens.

Topical songwriter Lenny Anderson will be returning to La Semilla on August 13 at 8 p.m. for an evening of contemporary, traditional and original songs of the Americas. Anderson sings in folk, country and blues styles accompanying himself on acoustic guitar and harmonica.

Well known for his song "The Ballad of

Dan White," he has appeared at clubs, coffee houses and on television and radio stations throughout Northern California.

Admission to Anderson's performance is \$4.00.

La Semilla will hold a Sunday Morning Brunch on August 14. Relax to pleasant classical chamber music by Marta and May while enjoying breakfast. Joan Crandall-Bear of the War Resistance League, along with local poets, will be addressing the audience.

Admission to the brunch, which begins at 11:00 a.m., is \$3.50. Champagne will also be

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Parade Opens 130th California State Fair's 18-Day Run At Cal Expo August 19

The 130th Annual California State Fair will open with a colorful parade of floats and marching bands from the Sacramento area at 9 a.m. Friday, August 19. The fair, at Cal Expo off Interstate 80 just north of the American River, runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from August 19 through Labor Day, September 5.

Admission to the fair is \$7.95, with a \$2 discount for senior citizens Monday through Friday. Children under 4 are admitted free every day, and kids under 12 will get in free on Kid's Day, Tuesday, August 23. The one-price admission is

good for all carnival and WaterWorld rides, horse racing, entertainment, arena events, exhibits, and demonstrations.

Every day is a special event day at the fair, celebrating various aspects of California's rich cultural heritage with music, dance and theater groups, fashion shows, contests, dances, races, and other exciting activities.

Opening day, Aug. 19, is Sacramento Day. Saturday, Aug. 20 is Military Day, and armed forces personnel in uniform will be admitted free. Horse Industry

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OPINION

Politics Is Everyone's Responsibility

Being apolitical, or even anti-political, seems to be almost a point of pride for many gay people. One of the most common criticisms or put-downs that we hear is that "He is (or she is, or they are) too political."

This is stupid. Whether we like it or not, we live in a political society. Everything we do, and everything that is done to us, is directly or indirectly influenced by politics.

And lesbians and gay men, especially, are affected by politics, because our sexual identity and lifestyle puts us outside the mainstream of American society, which is based on the myth of the unified and uniform heterosexual nuclear family—father, mother, and 2.3 children.

We would do well to remember the original meaning of the word "politics" before we so blithely condemn politics, and politicians, and our fellow citizens who are "too political."

"Politics" is derived from the Greek word "polis," meaning the national entity, not just the government, and not just the people—because the Classical Greeks did not separate the two. "Politics," in this original sense, means the complex of relationships between the people in the nation.

And in this sense, politics is everybody's business and everybody's responsibility. To be political is simply to be a good and responsible member of society, not some scheming crook or wild-eyed fanatic.

Politics—the complex of relationships between the people in the nation—has particular importance to all of us now in the second half of 1983. Some of the issues are special concerns of gay and lesbian people, but all of the issues affect all of the people. And so it is necessary to know about them and to do what we can about them.

Locally, Sacramentans will elect a new mayor and four city councilors this fall. One of the major issues in the cam-

paign is land development. Will the city take steps to prevent more urban sprawl, especially in the Natomas area, where developers want to destroy more farmland with a sports stadium and offices and light industry, or will it allow developers to have their way and proceed with the Los Angelization of Sacramento? The people we elect to the City Council will have a great deal to say about our quality of life in the near future.

On the state level, when the Legislature reconvenes August 15, AB1, the gay and lesbian employment rights bill, still faces the Senate Finance Committee and the full Senate. Senator Roberti's AIDS research and education bill faces similar hurdles in the Assembly. Letters and telephone calls to legislators could mean the difference between success and failure for these important measures.

Also on the state level, Governor Deukmejian has cut millions of dollars of vital programs and services from the state budget, but has called a \$14 million special election that is intended to redefine Senate and Assembly districts so that the Republican Party can win a majority in the Legislature. If the election is not stopped by a lawsuit now pending, we will have to be political in December and vote against this partisan gerrymander.

Nationally, it seems fairly obvious that the Reagan administration has been dragging its feet on providing funds for AIDS research. More than a year after Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome broke into national headlines, the administration still has not made a major effort to combat it through treatment and research. It is difficult not to conclude that the low priority accorded the AIDS fight is directly related to the low status accorded gays in our society.

The Reagan administration has also opposed the Equal Rights Amendment and the National Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill, while supporting such repressive

measures as the so-called "Family Protection Act," continued exclusion of gay men and lesbians by the Immigration Service, and resumed manufacture of nerve gas and other chemical warfare supplies.

When government fails to serve the people, as it obviously is doing, then it is time for the people to be political and to again assert their control over the government.

Even on the international level, we need to be political. When the government of our country continues to act in ways obviously contrary to the wishes and best interests of the people, the people need to take action. And political action need not be electoral or legislative. It can be symbolic or dramatic.

A case in point is the 100-hour Vigil for Peace that just concluded August 9. Coinciding with the anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the vigil brought together for a peaceful, non-legislative, but definitely political action, people from all religious traditions, political parties, races, sexual orientations, ages, and so on. Their common purpose—to stop the insane buildup of nuclear weapons that threatens all people. This is politics of the highest order, the complex of relations between all members of the human social entity.

This is the same kind of politics—concern for the good of all our brothers and sisters in the human family—that prompts us to speak out and work against our country's interference in the affairs of Central American nations like Nicaragua and El Salvador, where the Reagan administration's fanatical and indiscriminating anti-communism is forcing national liberation movements to ally themselves with the Soviets because the United States supports the right-wing forces of repression. Those of us who remember the debacle of Vietnam see the same thing happening in Central America, and as good citizens must act to prevent it.

We live in a political time. We have no choice over whether or not we will be political. We do have two choices about how we will be political.

We can choose responsible involvement or we can choose pernicious passivity. Either way, we are taking action. It may take some time away from drinking and dancing, it may take some time away from cultivating a flawless tan or perfect pees, but becoming actively, responsibly political is in our best interest.

If we fail to become political, our drinking and dancing, our tans and our pees will surely, sooner or later, slowly or suddenly, become totally irrelevant. *

Charges "Exploitation" At Fashion Show Put On By Women's Resource Center

Editor:

A local women's bar sponsored "A Women's Night of Fashions and Entertainment" on July 29, a benefit for the CSUS Women's Resource Center. I wanted to support the event because I understood that the WRC is a feminist organization. I had assumed the benefit was to be a parody of fashion shows.

Instead it was a cross between a fashion show and a beauty contest—in many cases the models' heights and weights were announced, in addition to double-entendres a la Penthouse concerning what the models liked to do in their spare time.

For women to appreciate one another's bodies, for women to be proud of how they look and want to show off is one thing. For women to be paraded, their sexuality commented on by an announcer and to be

hooted at by onlookers is another.

We did not find out in most cases what the models do for a living or anything about who they were—they were made anonymous bodies like women on the pages of porn magazines. The fact that the audience and models were lesbians does not redeem this kind of exploitation.

It might seem that I'm overreacting or exaggerating the importance of this event, but I don't believe that I am. Everywhere we look women are sexually used and abused by men—rape, incest, porn, the list is familiar.

It is inevitable that women fall into treating women the way men treat women, but we have to identify and work against this tendency. We women must not add to oppressive imagery and treatment of women.

LYNDA BAKER

Lesbian And Gay Latins Seek Others For New Solidarity And Support Organization

Editor:

Let me introduce myself. I am known as "Chica" but my true name is Theresa Rodriguez. I am a thirty-one year old Chicana and I am Gay. My reason for writing this letter is because I think there is a need for such a letter and also hope to unite all Gay peoples.

To all my Chicana Gay sisters and Chicano Gay brothers involved in the Gay life style: It behooves us to take a good look at what is happening in the Gay community regarding our non-existent involvement and representation in the Gay community.

Ask yourself or see for yourself. Do you see Gay Chicanas and Gay Chicanos reaching out for each other and supporting each other? If your observation is the same as mine, the answer is No. This definitely does not seem to be happening among us.

Now ask yourself, why not? The answer is, I think, we are not being recognized, involved and represented in the different vital elements of the Gay community. I say again

because this goes on everywhere. The people of color are always set aside and are sidetracked from their own innate goals, social issues as a people, who share a common bondage as People of Color and Gay. Why? Because we let it happen.

Now I want to talk to you my Gay Chicana and Gay Chicano sisters and brothers, about organizing a Gay Chicano Support Group. Hopefully this group will try to address issues in the Gay Community in regards to Gay Chicano representation and involvement. As well as addressing issues in the Gay Chicano Community, we hope to provide a pool of role models for young Gay Chicanos and youth in general. Specifically, however, to start a dialogue with the Gay Community at large.

If you are interested in getting involved in such an endeavor, we urgently request that you call "Chica" at 441-7372 or Xavier at 1-756-1942. Please call us because we can't do this without your support, ideas and input.

"CHICA" RODRIGUEZ
A. XAVIER MAGALLAN

State Fair Starts Aug. 19 From Page 1

Day, Sunday, Aug. 21, is also Asian Pacific Day and 4-H Day.

The "Best in the State" talent competition, featuring winners from all of California's county fairs, will highlight Talent Day, Monday, Aug. 22.

Kid's Day, Aug. 23, offers special entertainment for the younger set, including the Children's Theater Book Musical and the San Francisco Moving Company. Continuing attractions for children include the fair's mascot, the Golden Bear, who strolls the grounds along with other costumed characters, and Maxwell the Robot, who wheels his way around Expo

Center throughout the fair, and puppeteers, mimes, jugglers, clowns, magicians, and other performers.

The Petting Farm offers children a chance to pet farm animals and even to take a free pony ride. In the Livestock Nursery, visitors will be able to see newborn farm animals and learn about the birth process of livestock.

Counties Day, Wednesday, Aug. 24, salutes California's 58 counties. This is also Law Enforcement Day. Nevada Gov. Richard A. Bryan will be a guest of honor on Nevada Day, Aug. 25.

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Business Women Voice ERA Support

The 2,500 delegates to the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs recent convention in Columbus, Ohio, approved three pro-ERA measures, The Associated Press said.

The national convention of working women urged its members and others to support only political candidates who favor the Equal Rights Amendment.

The convention also unanimously endorsed a resolution urging Congress to take "immediate, positive action" to offer a new ERA and clear the way for the state ratification process to begin again.

The BPW also agreed to send a telegram to President Reagan urging him to reconsider his opposition to the ERA and to meet with BPW officials to discuss the issue.

Action on the resolutions reaffirming the group's support for ERA came after delegates sent 5,132 telegrams to U.S. House and Senate members urging positive action on the ERA and raised more than \$12,000 in ERA and political action committee funds.

Polly Madenwald, president-elect of the group, said the 150,000-member BPW wants members of Congress to know it remains totally behind the ERA.

"As much as some may have said we've died, we haven't died. Look how many years it took us to get the vote," she said. "And we'll get this thing no matter how long it takes us. We believe that our strength is right at the local level in our grassroots membership because we do have a club in every congressional district."

The federation is non-partisan, but has a national political action committee and several state committees.*

Navy Investigates Charges Captain Slept With Sailors

The Navy has begun hearings into charges that the captain of the fast frigate USS McDonnell was involved in homosexual activities aboard the ship, The Associated Press reported.

Cmdr. Gerald M. Vanderwier was relieved of his command in June.

Cmdr. James Rogers, the investigating officer, could recommend a court-martial, an administrative trial before an admiral, a letter of reprimand or dismissal of charges.

Lt. Cmdr. David Klich of the McDonnell testified that he talked with ranking officers on the flagship USS Nimitz about his growing suspicions of Vanderwier's sexual involvement with a petty officer.

According to Klich, Vanderwier, who has a master's degree in psychology and counseling, spent more time with the petty officer than with any other sailor, and counseled him behind the closed door of his cabin at least a dozen times.

Klich said he did not suspect a sexual relationship until May when the chief petty officer told him he had seen letters in plain view implying the petty officer had been involved sexually with sailors.

On May 9, Klich said, the chief petty officer told him he had found more letters implying sexual relations with a civilian and with Vanderwier. The chief petty officer also reported seeing such implications in his subordinate's diary.

Under cross-examination, Klich said that several letters confiscated from the petty officer's belongings contained descriptions of his homosexual activities.

Medical reports showed the petty officer was unstable and had drug problems, Klich said.

It was not unusual for Vanderwier to counsel the man, Klich said. But he said the frequency of the discussions and Vanderwier's "unprofessional" relationship with him and other sailors was unusual.*

RIP-OFFS & ROSES

Buying A Car: Dealing With The Dealer

In last month's column we began our series on buying a new car, and we suggested that you do your homework before you go to a dealer. We began by suggesting that you investigate your own needs, first. That's most important, since the salesperson you talk to will undoubtedly try to play on your views of the car, and your need for the kind of status owning it will give you.

We also told you that the sticker price on any automobile was totally negotiable, reminding you that any dollar figure posted is only "suggested" list price. *Consumer Reports* publishes a book that lists actual costs to the dealers themselves, so you can know not only what the car should cost, but if the deal you want to make is a fair one.

Before you talk with the salesperson, you'll also have checked out interest rates for car loans, the costs of insuring the models that you're interested in buying, and the book value of any trade-in you intend to make on your purchase.

That's a lot of information to be carrying around in your head, so don't be too shy to write it all down and bring your notebook with you to the showroom. It may seem klutzy to you, but it tells the salesperson that you're serious and you know what you're doing.

Now, let's say that you've fallen in love with the Toklas convertible, with four-speed manual transmission and vinyl interior. You've checked out its trouble report in *Consumer Reports*, and you've found that the only thing that has given other owners of the car trouble is the automatic transmission. You've checked out "Blue Book" value on your trade-in, a 1979 Wilde two-door, and it's listed for \$1200 wholesale in good condition. Since your old car is clean and undented, you feel that it's in top shape. *Consumer Reports* also states that the car you want costs the dealer \$9500, and you know that you can get a loan from your Credit Union at 13 percent.

You have the background you need. Now you can face the challenge of dealing with the dealer.

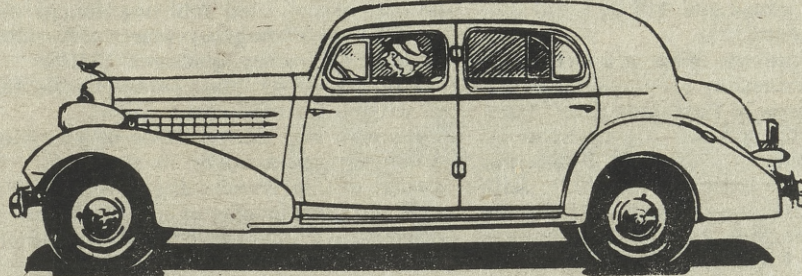
Your first shock will probably come at the showroom, when you encounter the sticker price. Your Toklas convertible lists at \$12,500, but there are some additions, as well. There's an item called "dealer prep" that raises the cost another \$1500. There are side moldings, racing mirrors, pin-stripes, and air-conditioning to the tune of another \$900. The car you've been dreaming about will cost you \$14,900. Or at least, so it appears.

Take it one step at a time. Ask the salesperson what "dealer prep" involves. There are some legitimate expenses for a dealer included here, such as cleaning the car after its trip to your city, and waxing it to the sheen that makes it so pretty. But we all know that cost cannot be more than about \$80.

The dealer has probably also added undercoating, a protective shield against the corrosive effects of road salt and water to the exposed metal that you can't see, and a protective finish for the paint job. Both of these may or may not be worth the price being asked. Find out if there is any guarantee offered with either device; will the dealer replace any rusted underparts within a year? How long can you expect your paint to remain shiny and unblemished?

If there is a guarantee, fine. You can haggle on the total price. If there is none, ask the salesperson whether they offer less expensive undercoating, and say you'll have paint protection done yourself. Reputable auto-finishers will do the job for you at about \$400-\$500, with a three-year warranty on the results.

The accessories are another matter. Do you really need air-conditioning at all, especially on a convertible? If you want it, that's OK. If not, check the sticker to see how much that



option costs, and subtract it from the list price you're working with. Do the same with any other options you don't want.

By this time, you should have a good idea of what your specific dream car should cost. Ask the salesperson if there are any rebates being offered on this model, or if the dealer offers any special loan rates for buying it. Now, figure out what their deal is. Let's say you've reduced the dealer prep charges to \$500, and that you've taken off another \$500 for the unwanted air-conditioning. Your car now lists at \$13,900.

There's no rebate being offered, but the dealer will give you financing at 9.9 percent

over three years, if you pay the tax and license fees and put 20 percent of the purchase price as a down payment. That would be \$2780, with no further haggling, but you still have your old car for a trade-in. It's time to see what offer he will make you on it.

Surprisingly, if your car is in good shape, you may be offered more than its wholesale book value. That's the car dealer's way to keeping up his profit on his sale to you, since he knows that if he can stick with his list price, he makes money, and he'll also make a little

allows a 10 percent basic profit, plus added accessories.

The amount of horse-trading you'll have to do depends on several factors. If it's late in the model year (about now until October, when the new models come out) the dealer may be anxious to sell. If the car is not one of the big sellers, he'll also trade more readily. If the model you want is not a fast-moving item in your part of the country, you'll also find it easier.

One thing, though. Once you've settled on a deal, make sure it's approved by an executive, at least the sales manager. Salespeople in car dealerships love to bait prospective customers into dreaming that they nearly own a car, then report that the deal has not been approved, and that the price has to be higher. They know that the buyer is so anxious at that point he will often go ahead with a less attractive deal, just to get his new car.

Buying a car is just like buying anything else; you have to know what you're doing. Inform yourself, and be prepared to do some on-your-feet figuring. You'll only go through this experience a few times in your life, and the people on the other side of the deal handle these transactions every day. It's up to you to even the odds for a happy purchase.

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"Black Lesbian in White America" by Anita Cornwell. Naiad Press, Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, \$7.50 plus postage.

Reviewed by JOYCE BRIGHT

Anger is not a destination. It is a place we often must journey through on the way to liberation. Nor is anger often a writer's most effective tool. Anita Cornwell's book, a compilation of her writings over the last 12 years, is largely anger redundantly expressed and ineffectual. She makes anger look like the destination rather than the journey.

In the last section of the book, a sequence of letters, Cornwell writes to a wayward sister: "But the fact is, I don't go around fornicating with racists as you have always done with sexists, who have raped, maimed, and mutilated womyn since the dawn of recorded herstory."

The language may be politically correct: It is most certainly inflammatory. But the implication made throughout the book that all men, white and black, are the enemy who rape, maim, and mutilate is to deny the experience of many women.

In a chapter called "The Black Lesbian in a

Malevolent Society," Cornwell writes: "But if womyn were as evil as men, the species would have come to an end long ago, for no one with that malevolent strain in them would have continued to breed the seeds of its own destruction."

Now if men are *that* evil, at best this means women have been grossly stupid in breeding with them or at worse we have been co-perpetrators of evil into the world. In this matter we can not assign blame without taking an equal measure of responsibility.

The autobiographical stories in the book are not so badly written. "The summer waddled along like a bloated turkey. Daily, Anita dialed Alda's apartment, and that telephone rang, and rang. It was like trying to call God during a power blackout." Unfortunately, such writing is not representative of the book.

The interviews with Audre Lorde, conducted in 1975 and first published in 1977, are interesting. Lorde talks about her lovers, her ex-husband, her work as a teacher and poet. She is a woman in touch with her own power.

Black Lesbian in White America is an uneven collection. Cornwell's language is politically rhetorical, inflammatory and re-

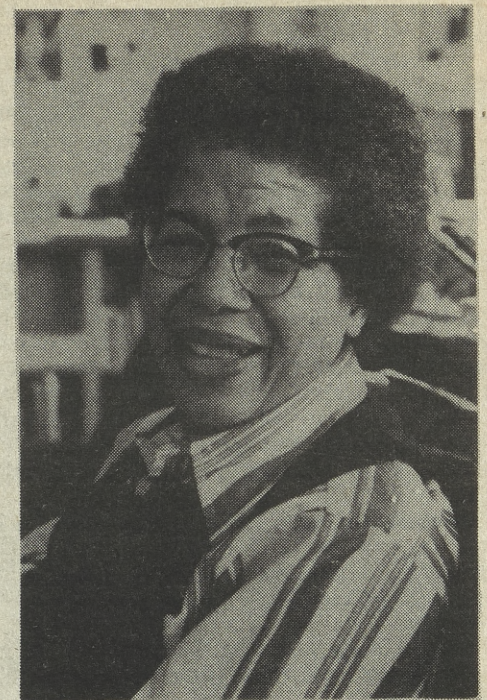


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Anita Cornwell

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dundant—never a good substitute for logic. While I don't deny her right to be angry or to express her anger, I wonder about the effectiveness of such writing if the desired result is to bring about social change.

I think now of Toni Morrison, Paule Marshall, Nikki Giovanni, and most certainly Alice Walker. These are strong, articulate black women writers. Their powerfulness lies in their ability to express their experiences without bitterness. These women teach us without beating us with their anger. They liberate through their own liberation. While Cornwell in her early work may have paved the way for these later writers, *Black Lesbian in White America* gives no such indication. It lacks power. ★

ITEMS

Never Underestimate

By RICK VAN DYKE

The 130th Annual California State Fair opens Friday, August 19 and runs through Labor Day, September 5. It's always a lot of fun, and a real bargain at \$7.95.

Never Underestimate the Power of a Woman...and all her friends! This is the theme of NOW's August 28 fund-raiser for the ERA. You can, they say, run, walk, bike, skate, skip, samba, or otherwise circumnavigate the course, which covers 12 miles on some of Sacramento's shadiest and most scenic streets, starting and ending at the State Library on Capitol Mall at 9th Street. Pre-registration is \$4 and on-the-spot registration is \$6, but registration is free if you have pledges to pay a certain amount for each mile you cover. Co-sponsors are Representatives **Robert Matsui** and **Norman Mineta**, Assemblyman **Lloyd Connelly**, Supervisors **Sandy Smoley** and **Illa Collin**, City Councilor **Lynn Robie**, the **Coalition of Labor Union Women**, and **Sacramento Community Commission for Women**. It's a great cause and will be great fun. Contact NOW at P.O. Box 1404, Sacramento 95807 for more info.

Women Changing Direction, a project of the **Sacramento Women's Center**, is presenting a series of free workshops on from 7 to 9 on Wednesday evenings in August. On August 17, **Dotty Copen**, LCSW, will present **New Ideas in Parenting**. Staff from the **Sacramento County Victim Witness Program** will conduct a workshop on **Restraining Orders and Your Right to be Free From Abuse** on August 24. **Budgeting Your Money When You Don't Have Much to Budget** is the topic on August 31; **Rita Mathias** from Consumer Credit Counselors of Sacramento is the speaker. And **Women Changing Direction** conducts a **support group** for women facing major life changes every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. All events are in the **First Sacramento Women's Building**, 2224 J St., and child care is available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050.

If you're interested in finding out what's going on with the city's plans for the Natomas area, join City Councilor **Dave Shore** to discuss this controversial issue at **La Semilla**, 312 20th St., from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, August 12, during a **\$5 Daiquiri Party** (that's \$5 per person, not per drink!). Call 443-5001 for more information.

Don't forget the **Castro-to-Castro bike rides** to benefit the **AIDS/KS Foundation**, and pledge your support for those gallant cyclists on a per-mile basis. Both treks start at 6 a.m. Saturday, August 20. One is local, out the **American River Bikeway** and back; the other is a two-day ride through **Yolo, Napa, Sonoma, and Marin counties**, ending up at the **Castro Street Fair** in San Francisco. For more information, call the **AIDS/KS Foundation** at 448-AIDS.

Psychologist **Ed Hall** and counsellor **Bruce Gunn** are conducting a weekly gay men's support group. Men interested in the group may call Ed at 484-1212.

There may still be time to get tickets for the benefit performance of **"The Enclave"** at the **Chautauqua Playhouse**, 25th and R Streets, on Sunday evening. Call the theater, 451-9604, or the **AIDS/KS Foundation**, 448-AIDS, for information.

The second annual **softball game and picnic** co-sponsored by **WEAVE** (Women Escaping A Violent Environment) and the **Sacramento Men's Collective** will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, August 20. For information on place and time, call **Mark Baker** at 441-4160.

Women Changing Direction needs **peer counselors** to assist women facing a dislocating life crisis and other domestic violence issues. Training sessions for volunteers will be conducted starting August 22. Call 444-8050 for more information.

The **Sacramento Men's Collective** will be doing a lot of eating in August, looks like. Their monthly **men-only potluck** is scheduled for Sunday, August 21, at 6 p.m. Call the collective at 441-1959 for place and directions. And on Sunday the 28th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., they're joining the **Single Parent Fathers Support Group** for brunch at **La Semilla**. The low price of \$3.50 gets you live jazz, speakers on "Good Parenting Techniques and How to Communicate with Ex-Spouses," and breakfast.

Sacramento's annual **Women Take Back the Night March** has been scheduled for Saturday, September 17. Women interested in helping plan the march and rally to raise consciousness about the rising tide of violence against women and children are invited to join the coalition. Men who support the goals of the event are also urged to get involved. Call Sheila at 447-3223 for more information.

There's a new source of **fresh organically-grown fruits and vegetables** in the midtown area. **The Silo** natural foods store, 2411 J Street, now features produce from the same source that formerly supplied the late, lamented **Raley's** natural foods store at 28th and L.

Sacramento NOW has scheduled another **Pizza and Postal Politics** letter-writing party. This time it's on Thursday, August 25, hosted by NOW President **Shireen Miles**. Help influence politics by writing to legislators about current women's issues, then enjoy pizza and lively discussions of feminist issues. Call 451-3398 for information and directions.

Watercolors by **Sarah Hugdahl** will be on display at **Earhart's Cafe**, 1905 16th Street, August 29 through September 30. Earhart's is open 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The **Berkeley Gay Men's Health Collective** provides free confidential **VD testing and treatment** by and for gay men. Clinics are held every Sunday at the **Berkeley Free Clinic**, 2339 Durant, from 7 to 9 p.m. Outreach clinics are also held in Berkeley at the **Pacific Center**, 2712 Telegraph Ave., on the first Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m., and at **The Steamworks** bathhouse, 2107 4th St., on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 7 to 11 p.m. Call (415) 644-0425 for more information.

The popular women's music trio **Heart 'n' Sole** is returning to the **Blue Mango** cafe at 330 G Street in Davis on Saturday, August 20. There's no cover charge, and they play from 9:30 p.m. till midnight.

A free pamphlet, **"Safe Flying for Patients with Lung Disease,"** is available from the **American Lung Association** of Sacramento-Immigrant Trails, 909 12th Street. It contains valuable information for lung patients planning air travel. Call 444-LUNG for more information.

The **6th Annual California Men's Gathering** will take place near Half Moon Bay the weekend of October 7-10. For more information, contact the **Sacramento Men's Collective**, 441-1959.

"Carhops in Bondage," a song and dance production that is forging ahead to new heights of fun, fantasy, and questionable taste, continues on Friday and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. at **La Semilla**, 312 20th Street. Admission is only \$5.

The **Carl's Jr.** chain of fast-food joints is the object of a **boycott** recently announced by **California NOW**. **Carl Karcher**, founder of the eateries, continues to make sizable contributions to candidates who oppose women's rights issues.



Rick Van Dyke

Conservative Ex-Congressman Will Lobby For Gay Rights Bills

Steve Endean, Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL), announced August 2 in Atlanta that former U.S. Representative **Bob Bauman** will serve as a lobbyist for Gay Rights National Lobby.

Bauman will assist Endean on Capitol Hill by lobbying for lesbian and gay civil rights legislation; working against gay discrimination in immigration; fighting the anti-gay "McDonald Amendment" (offered every session by Representative **Larry McDonald** (D-GA) in an attempt to prohibit Legal Services Funding from being used for any pro-gay issue); and lobbying for greater government funding for research of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Bauman will serve on a *pro bono* basis (that is, without financial cost to GRNL).

Bauman was chosen "One of Ten Most Admired Conservatives in the U.S." by readers of *Conservative Digest Magazine* in 1980 and is the founder of both the **American Conservative Union** and the **Young Americans for Freedom**. He served in Congress

from 1973 to 1981.

Speaking August 2 to the American Bar Association Meeting in Atlanta, Bauman stated his unqualified support for lesbian and gay civil rights legislation, and added, "Yes, I am still a political conservative. And yes, I am gay."

Bauman cited many examples of discrimination against gays and stated, "Your average attorney with a degree in economics and international relations and a doctorate in law, three years in the Senate of one of the several states and nearly eight years in the Congress would ordinarily have few problems in finding employment upon leaving public office—especially when the man he supported in three presidential elections finally wins the White House. A parliamentary wizard who could silence **Bella Abzug** and hog tie **Tip O'Neill** must have some utility in a Federal agency, an ambassadorial post or a Washington law firm, wouldn't you think? "The answer is 'NO' if you are gay."

Endean called Bauman's new involvement with GRNL "A tremendous opportunity to show that the gay civil rights movement is not just for liberals. Gay civil rights legislation is consistent with conservative thought of less government intervention in private lives and individual rights. Mr. Bauman's involvement sends a loud, clear signal to policy makers that the issue cuts across political and ideological boundaries not only in Washington, D.C., but around the nation." ★

State Fair

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tasting and sensory evaluation will be included. Each day will feature nine wines, both red and white, grouped by variety for comparative tastings.

The first-ever **Farming Innovations Exhibit**, a prototype for the 1987 World Agri Fair to be held in Sacramento, features an impressive lineup of the latest in technological advances in farming: soil, water, and pest management; space utilization; new energy sources; edible landscaping; and a computer-controlled greenhouse.

The **California Conservation Corps** will showcase the best of two generations of conservation work, by the original Civilian Conservation Corps of the '30s and the present CCC, and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organization with a tree give-away. Approximately 25,000 trees of different varieties suited to various climates, have been donated by the U.S. Forest Service, and will be given away at 3, 5, and 8 p.m. daily.

The CCC exhibit, designed, built, and landscaped by corpsmembers from nearby centers, will also include demonstrations of the corps' work building parks and trails, clearing streams, restoring historical structures, fighting fires and floods, and providing disaster relief. Visitors to the CCC exhibit will walk through time in a 70-foot lattice-covered promenade with a pictorial display.

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- * Stress Management workshop presented by Marilea Wolf. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. Call 444-8050. 7-9 p.m.
- * Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

Thursday, August 11

- * Volleyball for men and women. \$2. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-11 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.
- * Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050. 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, August 12

- * Daiquiri Party with City Councilor Dave Shore. Update on Natomas development. \$5. La Semilla, 312 20th St. 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, August 13 SDA Kinship Potluck. 455-8940 for information.

Sunday, August 14

- * Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.
- * Dignity Mass/meeting. St. Francis Church, 26th & K St. 3 p.m. Slide show on the Byzantine Catholic Liturgy.
- * Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

Tuesday, August 16

- * Capital City Squares. The Power Plant. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.
- * Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays Rap Group. Facilitated by Valerie Winn and Will Green. Geneva Room, Fremont Presbyterian Church, H St. at Carlson Drive. 7:30 p.m. Call 428-4348 for info.

Wednesday, August 17

- * Deadline for The STAR.
- * New Ideas in Parenting Workshop presented by Dotty Coplen, LCSW. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. Call 444-8050. 7-9 p.m.
- * Sacramento Men's Collective business meeting. LaSemilla, 312 20th St. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.
- * Rap group for the "Worried Well." Led by Marty Rogers, Ph.D. AIDS/KS Foundation office, 2115 J St., Suite 3. 7:30 p.m. For info, call 448-AIDS.

Thursday, August 18

- * Volleyball for men and women. \$2. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-11 p.m. Call Paul for information, 447-1065.
- * Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050. 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, August 19

- * 130th Annual California State Fair opens. Sacramento Day. Cal Expo. \$7.95. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Saturday, August 20

- * Castro to Castro Benefit Bicycle Rides for AIDS/KS Foundation. Local ride along American River Bikeway and back. Two-day ride to San Francisco. Call 448-AIDS for info.
- * Heart 'n' Sole play women's music. Blue Mango, 330 G Street, Davis. No cover. 9:30 p.m. till midnight.
- * 130th Annual California State Fair. Military Day; uniformed military admitted free. Cal Expo. \$7.95. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sunday, August 21

- * Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.
- * Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.
- * Women In Dignity potluck. Call Alberta,

443-8084 (days) or Dignity phone, 444-8939, for time and place.

- * Sacramento Men's Collective men-only potluck. 6 p.m. Call 441-1959 for place and directions.

* 130th Annual California State Fair. Asian Pacific, Horse Industry, 4-H Day. Cal Expo. \$7.95. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Monday, August 22

- * Women Changing Direction peer counsel- or training. Call 444-8050 for more info.
- * Gays & Job Discrimination with guest Allen Chamberlin. Finnerty & Co. Channel 3. 9 a.m.
- * 130th Annual California State Fair. Talent Day. Cal Expo. \$7.95. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Tuesday, August 23

- * Capital City Squares. The Power Plant. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.
- * 130th Annual California State Fair. Kids

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Wednesday, August 24

- * The STAR is published
- * Sacramento County Victim Witness Program workshop on Restraining Orders and Your Right to be Free From Abuse. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. Call 444-8050. 7-9 p.m.
- * Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.
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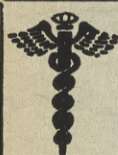
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